GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3313
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UPGRADATION OF 130 MM GUN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

referring to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 328 on December 2,2004, regarding Upgradation of 130 MM Guns and state:

(a) whether any financial irregularities has come to the notice of the Government in the contract for the upgrading of 130 mm Gun;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to cancel the contract and recover the loss from M/s Soltam, Israel;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any steps are being taken for rectification of faulty upgradation of 130 mm gun done by M/s Soltam, Israel;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the programme for upgradation of 130 mm gun has since been abandoned; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): The case regarding upgradation of 130 mm Guns has been entrusted to Central Bureau of Investigation for investigation into the alleged irregularities.

(c) & (d): No, Sir.

(e) & (f): There were minor technical problems and the same were rectified by the vendor at his own expense.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.